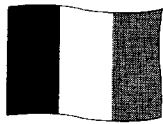


Facts to Know



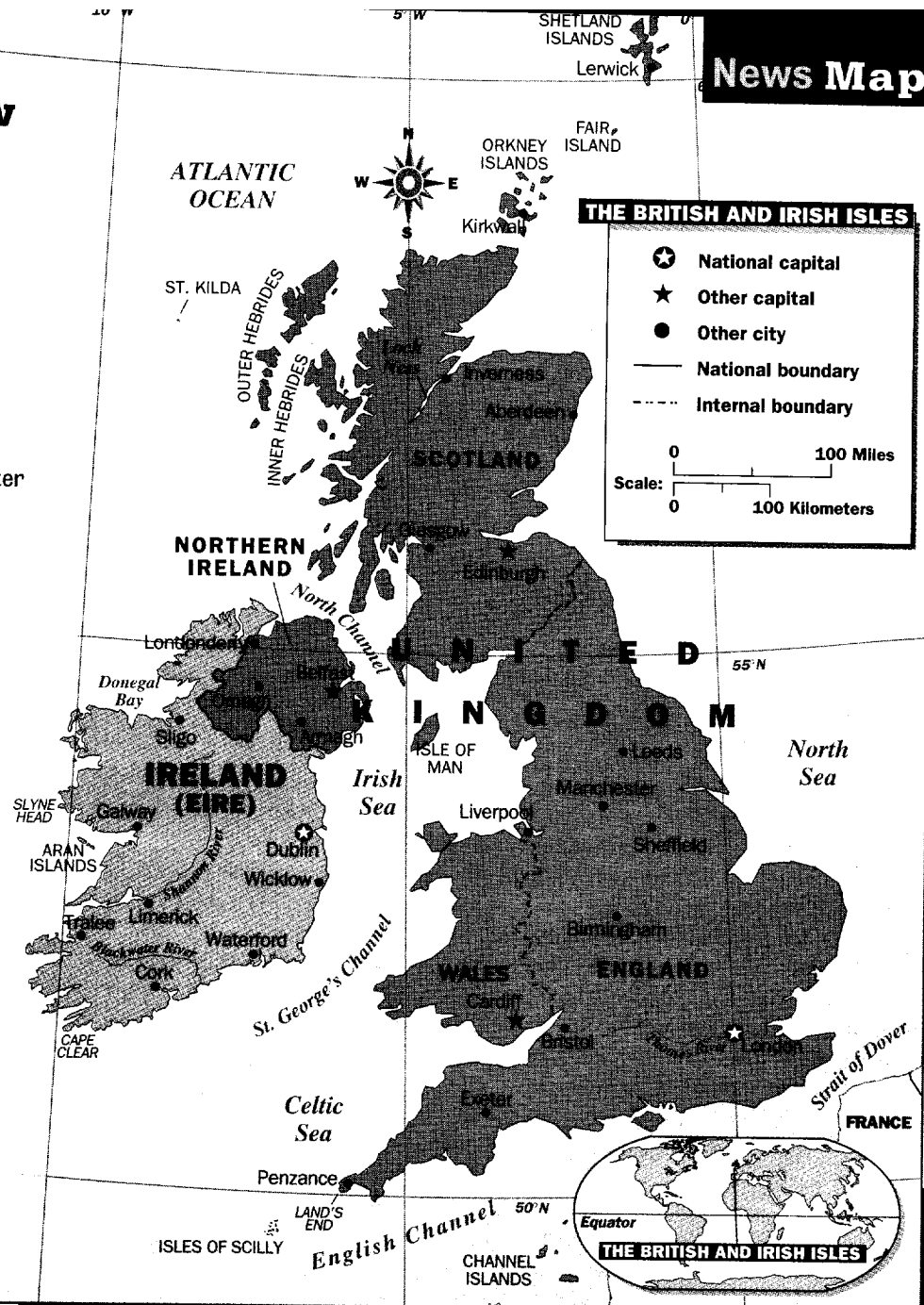
Republic of Ireland (Eire)

AREA: 26,598 square miles.
POPULATION: 3,700,000.
GOVERNMENT: Independent country. Parliamentary democracy led by Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. President Mary McAleese is head of state.
RELIGION: Roman Catholic, 93 percent; Protestant, 3 percent.



Northern Ireland

AREA: 5,452 square miles.
POPULATION: 1,610,000.
GOVERNMENT: Part of the United Kingdom (U.K.), which also includes England, Scotland, and Wales. The U.K. has a parliamentary democracy, led by Prime Minister Tony Blair. Queen Elizabeth II is head of state.
RELIGION: Protestant, 58 percent; Roman Catholic, 42 percent.



The Two Irelands

Use the map and Facts to Know to answer the following questions.

1. Which of the two Irelands has a Roman Catholic majority?

2. Through which of the two Irelands does latitude 53°N pass?

3. What bodies of water separate Northern Ireland from the rest of the United Kingdom?

4. Which of the two Irelands is more densely populated?

5. What island groups are directly north of Ireland?

6. In which of the four political divisions that make up the United Kingdom is Land's End located?

7. In what direction would you travel if you went from Dublin to London?

8. About how many miles apart are Cork and Belfast?

9. What is the form of government in the Republic of Ireland?

10. What capital is located at 0° longitude?

LESSON PLAN

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OBJECTIVES

- Students should be able to understand:
 - why there are bitter divisions between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland
 - how the peace agreement of last April has raised hopes for friendship and understanding
 - how Northern Ireland teens view the future

TEACHING STRATEGY

Discuss: What do students know about the civil rights movement of the early 1960s in America? How have racial relations improved? Point out that a civil rights movement also occurred in Northern Ireland in the 1960's. But the division there is religious, not racial; and peaceful protests changed to communal warfare that left deep scars.

THINKING SKILLS

MAIN IDEA:

How and why did Ireland become divided?
(Under the rule of English kings, Irish Catholics lost land and rights to English Protestant settlers. After a successful rebel

lion, most of Ireland gained self-rule in 1921. Six northern counties with Protestant majorities remained a part of the United Kingdom.)

COMPREHENSION:

Why do Northern Ireland teens John and Sinead use different names for their home city?

(John, a Protestant, like most of his community, calls his city Londonderry. Catholics, such as Sinead, view that as an English name. They call the city Derry.)

COMPARE AND CONTRAST:

What other divisions exist between Catholics and Protestants?

(They live in different neighborhoods, attend different schools, and usually don't mix. Until recently, armed groups from the communities fought each other.)

ACTIVITY

Can peace last in Northern Ireland? What is the likely future of the region? Assign teams to maintain an Ireland watch and report on what's happening there.

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See page T-5 for Lesson Plan on The History of Money

ANSWERS

Election Map, p. 9

- 13
- California
- seven
- New York
- 34 percent
- 100 percent
- Governor
- Governor, 1 Senator, and 19 Representatives
- Montana
- One governor, one senator, and 20 Representatives

News Map, p. 19

1. Republic of Ireland

2. Republic of Ireland
3. The Irish Sea and the North Channel
4. Northern Ireland (Divide population by area; 295.3 for Northern Ireland; 139.09 for Republic of Ireland)
5. The Hebrides (or the Inner Hebrides and the Outer Hebrides)
6. England
7. southeast
- 8- 250 miles
- 9- parliamentary democracy
- 10- London (United Kingdom)

Quick Quiz, p. T-6

1. true;
2. opinion;
3. true;
4. false;
5. false;
6. e
7. d
8. a
9. c
10. b
11. a
12. c
13. b
14. d
15. b
16. Northern Ireland
17. Waterside

18. Protestants
19. Bertie Ahern
20. the Republic of Ireland (Eire)
21. money
22. percentage fee
23. the full faith and credit of the U.S. government
24. electronic entries
25. loan

Skills Master, p. T-7

1. Higher for Presidential elections
2. no
3. 55%

4. 1968
5. lowest of all
6. 1988
7. 1992 and 1996
8. 1988 and 1992
9. about the same
- 10- 1996 was a Presidential election



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